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ON ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS OF ETHIOPIA
(AGENDA ITEM 64)

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1. CONFIRMING POOLE/SEIFMAN TELECON DECEMBER 3, DELEGATION
IS AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT DRAFT RESOLUTION L.40 (PER DATAFAX
NO. 180), BUT WE PREFER NOT TO CO-SPONSOR, AS IN THE CASE
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OF UNGA RESOLUTION 3441 (XXX) ON ETHIOPIA LAST YEAR.

2. ADDITIONAL REASON FOR NOT CO-SPONSORING IS THE UNCLEAR QUESTION OF UNDRO'S ROLE AS SET FORTH IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, GIVEN THE FACTS THAT (A) AT THE 60TH ECOSOC LAST SPRING UNDRO, SUPPORTED BY MOST DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THE U.S., CONSIDERED ITS EMERGENCY ROLE TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BUT FOR MONITORING, AND REFERENCES TO UNDRO WERE THEREFORE REMOVED FROM ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1986 (LX), WHILE (B) ON THE OTHER HAND, REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE DROUGHT SITUATION HAS WORSENERED IN THE INTERIM. HOWEVER, SINCE UNDRO'S TOP OFFICIALS NOW IN NEW YORK SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN NO STEPS TO MODIFY THE LANGUAGE OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION, WE MUST CONCLUDE THAT THEY HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH IT. HENCE WE WOULD

NOT WISH TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVES IN CHANGING THIS LANGUAGE.

3. WE ASSUME THE REFERENCE IN OPERATIVE PARA 1 TO IMPLEMENTING INTER ALIA GA RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) (PROGRAM OF ACTION ON NIEO) REFERS TO EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR MSA'S UNDER SECTION X (TO WHICH WE HAVE NO OBJECTION). LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO SECTION X. IF THE ETHIOPIANS DO NOT CLARIFY THIS IN PRESENTING THE RESOLUTION, YOU SHOULD STATE OUR UNDERSTANDING IN A BRIEF EXPLANATION.

4. FOR ADDIS ABABA: WE APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST. THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION, CO-SPONSORED BY VARIOUS THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ACTING ON BEHALF OF ETHIOPIA, WHICH IS THE REAL INITIATOR, IS TYPICAL OF THE SORT OF ANODYNE, HORTATORY RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH SOME FREQUENCY BY THE UNGA AND ECOSOC IN THE CASES OF COUNTRIES SUFFERING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND ECONOMIC EMERGENCIES. SEVERAL SUCH RESOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED IN PAST SESSIONS OF BOTH UNGA AND ECOSOC ON BEHALF OF ETHIOPIA. THE PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTION, AFTER A PREAMBULAR REFERENCE TO "THE RECENT FAILURE OF RAIN DURING CRITICAL STAGES OF THE CROPPING SEASON IN PARTS OF ETHIOPIA" AND A MILD PREAMBULAR PAT ON THE BACK "RECOGNIZING THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA," IN ITS OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS (1) URGES UNDRO, UNDP, UNICEF AND OTHER UN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGENCIES TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY THEIR ASSISTANCE AND TO IMPLEMENT PROMPTLY PROVISIONS OF PREVIOUS UNGA AND ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS; (2) APPEALS TO ALL MEMBER STATES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTINUE AND INCREASE THEIR ASSISTANCE; (3) INVITES THE SYG, THE UNDRO COORDINATOR AND THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR TO REPORT TO THE 32ND UNGA AND TO THE 62ND ECOSOC (NEXT SUMMER) ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS.

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